

January 14, 2015

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Torrance Cable Television Advisory Board convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015, at 7:02 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room located in the Stanley E. Remelmeyer Telecommunications Center.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners De Rago, Feliz, Frantz, Gow, Kellogg, Kosidlak, and Chairwoman Brennan

Also Present: Cindy Hibbard, Secretary
Don Fefie, TCtv Coordinator
Michael D. Smith, Cable & Community Relations Manager

Excused: None

Absent: None

3. FLAG SALUTE:

The salute to the flag of the United States of America was led by Commissioner Kosidlak.

4. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA:

MOTION: *Commissioner De Rago moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on posting of the agenda for this meeting. This motion seconded by Commissioner Gow, carried with an aye vote.*

Row Call Yea: De Rago ☒ Feliz ☒ Frantz ☒ Gow ☒ Kellogg ☒ Kosidlak ☒ Brennan ☒

Row Call Nay: De Rago ☐ Feliz ☐ Frantz ☐ Gow ☐ Kellogg ☐ Kosidlak ☐ Brennan ☐

MOTION PASSED 7/0

5. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS - NONE

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) December 10, 2014

AMENDMENT: *Item 2, delete Kosidlak from Present, add Kosidlak to Absent. Modify all vote sections to reflect his absence.*

MOTION: *Commissioner Gow moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2014 as amended. This motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz.*

Row Call Yea:	De Rago <input type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frantz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kellogg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Row Call Nay:	De Rago <input type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input type="checkbox"/>	Frantz <input type="checkbox"/>	Gow <input type="checkbox"/>	Kellogg <input type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input type="checkbox"/>
Row Call Abstain:	De Rago <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input type="checkbox"/>	Frantz <input type="checkbox"/>	Gow <input type="checkbox"/>	Kellogg <input type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION PASSED 5/0/2

7. SCHEDULED BUSINESS:

A) Community Matters – NONE

B) Committee Reports

- 1) Producer Incentive – NONE
- 2) TCtv Awards – NONE
- 3) Operating Policies and Procedures – NONE

C) Report of the Community Television Center

December, 2014 – Coordinator Fefie provided an overview of the facility usage highlighting producer projects and 16 original shows were produced and 17 shows were bicycled. He also mentioned the TCtv high definition television equipment is still being delivered. The studio is up and operational in a hybrid configuration utilizing both new and prior owned equipment. According to recent communications with the vendor, we should have complete shipment by the end of January. The capital project includes new HDTV field and studio cameras as well as a switcher, audio mixer, lighting, and lighting board.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Gow moved to accept the Torrance Community Television Center Reports for December 2014. This motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz.*

Row Call Yea:	De Rago <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frantz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kellogg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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MOTION PASSED 7/0

D) Report of Legislative and Cable Related Activities

Manager Smith summarized the following:

According to University of Michigan's American Customer Satisfaction Index, Time Warner Cable scored a 54 out of a possible 100 for its Internet service and its pay TV service scored a 56, to take the two worst spots in the survey. The second worst spot for ISPs belonged to – you guessed it – Comcast's Internet service, which scored a 57 out of a possible 100. Comcast also finished second to last for video service, scoring a 60 out of a possible 100, compared to 63 in the previous year.

Time Warner Cable will soon charge its 15 million customers for watching sports as the major cable provider tries compensating for the rising costs of broadcasting local

channels and athletic programming. Effective Jan. 1, the cable company will charge subscribers a new \$2.75-per-month fee for sports programming. Other changes include a 9-month-old broadcasting TV surcharge increasing from \$2.25 to \$2.75 per month, and an \$8-per-month Internet modem lease, up from \$5.99.

TabletTV, a startup backed by Granite Broadcasting Corp. aimed at making broadcast TV signals available to mobile device users, has officially launched in the Bay Area and has begun taking orders from consumers. According to a company press release, customers who pay a one-time price of \$89.95 get a piece of hardware called the T-Pod, which converts local broadcast signals into Wi-Fi signals readable by IP devices.

President Obama signed off on a bill Thursday that will assure that 1 million satellite TV subscribers in rural areas will continue to have access to the major broadcast networks after Dec. 31. Official passage of the Satellite Television Extension Act Reauthorization (STELAR) also ends the Federal Communications Commission's ban on cable set-top boxes with integrated security features, the so-called CableCARD law. Enacted in 2007, the rule never achieved its goal of creating a robust retail market for pay-TV set-tops, and it was unpopular among pay-TV operators.

Brief discussion followed.

MOTION: *Commissioner Gow moved to accept the Legislative and Cable Related Report for December 2014. This motion seconded by Commissioner Frantz.*

Row Call Yea:	De Rago <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Feliz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Frantz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Gow <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kellogg <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kosidlak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brennan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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MOTION PASSED 7/0

E) Old Business - NONE

F) New Business - NONE

8. ADDENDUM MATTERS - NONE

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

- A) Commissioner De Rago mentioned it was good to see everyone since he's missed a few meetings.
- B) Commissioner Feliz requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of St. James Catholic Church members Martha Gaza and her son, Samuel as well as Mary Ann Wilson and Saeko Matsumura who were killed in a December 17, 2014 crash on Pacific Coast Highway in Redondo Beach.
- C) Commissioner Kellogg also mentioned that the ad for TCtv have the correct logo in the next issue of Torrance Seasons.
- D) Commissioner Gow extended an invitation and announcement that Rep. Janice Hahn will be presenting "2015 & Beyond" on January 15th, 700 p.m. at the Arjay Plaza, hosted by the Torrance Democratic Club.
- E) Commissioner Gow mentioned how wonderful it was to participate in the Officials Night for the Rose Parade. Helping to decorate the float honoring the late Louis Zamperini was an honor.
- F) Chairwoman Brennan mentioned she attended the Torrance screening of Unbroken and thought it was a great movie and was a excellent tribute to Louis Zamperini.

- G) Chairwoman Brennan requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Louis Zamperini as well.
- H) Manager Smith mentioned that the static sign in front of the Plunge will be replaced with a digital sign next month.
- I) Manager Smith also mentioned that the City Council Ad Hoc Committee for the Citywide Website Redesign will meet January 27th at 3:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room.
- J) Manager Smith announced that Torrance's CitiCABLE is now live over-the-air on low power television station KNET, Channel 25.2. Viewers can get the free TV station with a rooftop or portable antenna from Lancaster to Orange County and inland to Riverside.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairwoman Brennan adjourned the meeting of January 14, 2015 at 7:42 p.m., to reconvene on February 11, 2015, Wednesday, at 7:00 p.m.

Row Call Yea: De Rago ☒ Feliz ☒ Frantz ☒ Gow ☒ Kellogg ☒ Kosidlak ☒ Brennan ☒
Row Call Nay: De Rago ☐ Feliz ☐ Frantz ☐ Gow ☐ Kellogg ☐ Kosidlak ☐ Brennan ☐
MOTION PASSED 7/0

Respectfully submitted,



Michael D. Smith
Cable & Community Relations Manager

Roll Call: De Rago ☐ Feliz ☐ Frantz ☐ Gow ☐ Kellogg ☐ Kosidlak ☐ Brennan ☐